



Registration begins for the first Mayor's Youth Summer of Service

Attention teens ages 14-17! Are you looking for a way to get involved in your community this summer? If so, Mayor Scott Smith has a great opportunity just for you! The first Mayor's Youth Summer of Service is a series of service-learning projects during June and July especially designed for teens.

Mayor Smith believes that building a culture of youth volunteerism will create long-term benefits for the community and for the youth who engage in service.

"The benefits of service are greater than just satisfying an immediate community need," Mayor Smith said. "Kids who volunteer come to understand the problems in their community and realize they have the power to make positive changes."

Some of the service projects include assembling medical packets for doctors overseas, stocking shelves at the food bank, helping in an adult day care center, educating the public about recycling, assisting in an animal shelter and much more. Teens can sign up for one or multiple service projects. Each project has just 15 slots, so sign up before they fill up! Registration begins on May 17. A full listing of projects, registration details and more information can be found online at <http://www.mesaaz.gov/volunteer/MayorSummerService.aspx> or call Katie Brown at 480.644.3705.

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In December 2009, Mayor Smith became a member of the Cities of Service Coalition along with nearly one hundred other mayors who have committed themselves to working together to lead a multi-year effort to expand community service and volunteerism in cities across the country. The coalition is dedicated to implementing the recently enacted Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act through programs like the Mayor's Summer of Service.